

**THE CITY OF GLASGOW'S STATELY NEW HOSPITAL,
BUILT FOR THEIR POOR IN GENERAL, FROM
"THE HISTORY OF GLASGOW" [1736], BY JOHN
M'URE, WRITER, AND CLERK OF THE REGIS-
TRATION OF SEAFINES**

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"As you look Westward from the Great Bridge, towards the stately Harbour of the City, stands the most celebrated Hospital built by the City of *Glasgow*, for alimenting and educating upwards of one hundred and fifty two poor decayed old Men, Widows and Orphans of this City. The Building is of modern Fashion, and exceeds any of that Kind in *Europe*, and admir'd by Strangers, who affirms that *Sutton's Hospital*, called the *Charter-house at London*, which indeed is a noble Foundation; but the House neither of that, nor *Christ's Church*, or any Thing of that Kind at *Rome* or *Venice* comes not up to the Magnificence of this Building, when it is finished, resembling more like a Palace, than a Habitation for necessitous old People and Children.

"I confess *Heriot's Hospital* at *Edinburgh* is more embellished over the windows thereof, our Hospital is likewise accommodated with a fine Well, and stately Garden, fenced round with a curious Wall of Ashler Work, together with a handsome Chapel and Hall for the Poor People and Boys to eat in.

"Divine Service is celebrated every Morning and Evening by their Chaplain within the Great Hall at the ringing of the Hospital Bell.

"They are seasonable and frequently visited by the Magistrates, Members of both Houses, Ministers of the City, and Directors, ordering all Things necessary for the Use and Behoove of their Poor.

"When any of them are visited by Sickness, the Faculty of Physicians, Surgeons and Apothecaries attend them by three of their Number in Turns, and to their deserved Praise, they furnish the Sick with daily Attendance, Drugs and Medicines *gratis*. And when any of them dies, they are decently buried at the Town's Charges, and the Defunct's Place is furthwith filled up.

"This Hospital is still inlarging, and two Wings of Addition are to be added to the Building, and is an Argument for encouraging Benefactors to the House, and it deserves particular Consideration, the

Benefit of it not being restricted, like many other Hospitals, to any certain Number, or to any particular Sort of Poor; but being designed to extend to all Sorts of Poor belonging to the Place.

“The Plan of the Building is calculated accordingly for admitting of large Additions; so that if the Plan were compleated, the House might accommodate about six hundred Persons, and the Directors have it under Consideration, especially if the House be encouraged with Benefactions, to build a more convenient Infirmary, and also proper Appartments for People who have lost the Use of their Reason, which is a Thing very much wanting, there being nothing of that Kind in *North Britain*, and such Appartments might be useful, not only for People under that Calamity, who belong to this Place, but also for such People from other Places on reasonable Terms.

“The Directors have also in View other charitable and generous Designs, to which the House, if duly encouraged, might be made subservient to the Satisfaction of intelligent and well disposed Persons.

“It is on design of publishing Regulations, together with an Abstract of the first Year’s Management, that they who have contributed to this Work, or any Other upon a View of the present Management, may offer to the Directors or their Committee such Proposals or Advices as they judge useful for promoting the Design of the House, either by rendering it more beneficial for the Poor, or by rendering the Poor more beneficial to the Publick. The weekly Committee will with great Pleasure hearken to every Proposal of that Kind.

“RULES RELATING TO THE NURSES.

“There are proper Nurses appointed to attend the Sick, who are obliged to keep the Rooms and everything about the Sick clean, when there has been any malignant Distemper, or when the sick Person dies, the Bed-cloathes and the whole Room where the sick Person lay is washed before any other shall ly in it, the Nurse shall be accountable to the Mistress of the House for the Cloaths, and every Thing else belonging to the Deceased.

“There are Women to Attend the Children, who are to have them washed, combed and dressed every Morning, all these Nurses are to be subject to the Mistress, and receive Directions from her.”



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